

## **AUSP Thomson Update May 27, 2015**

### **What positions are filled?**

- 159 positions are currently filled and working at AUSP Thomson. 42 additional positions have been selected and are expected to report to AUSP Thomson in the next two to three months, bringing the total to 201 total staff hired.
- Nearly half of the new staff members which completed “Introduction to Correctional Techniques” classes at AUSP Thomson were hired from the local commuting area. 37 new hires are Veterans.
- 49 staff members currently working at AUSP Thomson are residents of Iowa.
- The recruiting and hiring of staff has gone very well, thus far. They had 1,240 participants attend an Informational Job Fair in September 2014. The Thomson Executive Staff are excited by the high level of interest in working for the Bureau of Prisons and specifically the AUSP Thomson facility. The Village of Thomson, as well as the surrounding communities, have been very friendly and welcoming to the staff. Many community leaders have reached out to the Warden to begin to develop positive community relations.
- The Community Relations Board has been established and the first meeting was held on March 5, 2015. Four seats on the Board are held by representatives from Clinton, Iowa (Mayor, Chamber of Commerce Representative, Mercy Medical Center Representative and Ashford University President)
- An Informational Event for Area Businesses was held on March 4, 2015, with representatives from the Bureau of Prisons and the Small Business Administration providing information and instructions on conducting business with AUSP Thomson. Bureau of Prisons staff discussed topics such as the federal procurement process, the System for Award Management (SAM), and the Federal Business Opportunity website (FedBizOpps.gov). Of the 106 business that attended, 48 indicated business addresses in Iowa.
- On April 16, 2015, 15 local Chambers of Commerce held a joint Community Showcase for AUSP Thomson staff. Chambers of Commerce from Iowa that were in attendance includes Clinton and DeWitt.
- On April 21 and 28, 2015, staff participated in their first community service effort. 64 units of blood were donated to the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center which services hospitals in multiple states to include over 25 hospitals in Iowa.
- Activation progress at AUSP Thomson is progressing. The Facilities Department has several staff on site conducting inspections, making repairs, and ordering the necessary tools and equipment.
- Over the next few months the institution will continue with its hiring initiatives, and will be providing extensive training to the new hires.
- The institution will continue to make necessary purchases (equipment, office supplies, food, books, inmate clothing, inmate commissary items, etc.) to prepare for its full activation.
- Staff will continue to work on physical plant projects, upgrades and repairs.
- It is anticipated AUSP Thomson will receive minimum security inmates very soon.